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In re Application of :  
Joseph A. Henke et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/677,729 : TO WITHDRAW THE  
Filed: October 2, 2000 : HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
For: ELECTRO-MECHANICAL WIRELINE :  
ANCHORING SYSTEM :

This is in response to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on February 19, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that a Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due were mailed to the applicant on August 6, 2002. Since the issue fee was not received, the application was held to be abandoned, although a notice of abandonment has yet been mailed.

The applicant has submitted a copy of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) which includes a copy of a post card identifying the RCE and which included a USPTO Mail Room receipt date of November 5, 2002. This is acceptable evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for processing of the RCE filed with the petition, then to the Examiner for prompt action on merits.

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